

# Family-Outdoors

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## Cicadas: by david mann [fishing in the ozarks blog]

Fly fisherman are inherently crazy. Our warped way of looking at the world makes us believe that it is entirely worth while to pretty much make it your life's purpose to get on the water as much as possible, to unquestionably believe that it is worth while to drive two hours to a trout stream when you can catch bass and bluegill in your back yard, and to consider what most people would call an

infestation to be welcome, because it gets the fish rising.

Right now the thirteen year Cicadas are hatching, infesting, and buzzing their way across the Ozark region. In the middle of the day when they are loudest, it is barely possible to hear anything else in the woodlands near my home. The bugs seemingly have no problem attaching themselves to humans, and the fact that they do

not bite doesn't seem to be much of a comfort when one of these massive, prehistoric looking bugs lands on your face. But the fact of the matter is they fall into the water of every area lake, river, and stream in massive numbers, and they get the fishing looking up in a way that I have not seen before in my lifetime.

Continued @ <http://fishingintheozarks.blogspot.com/2011/06/cicadas.html>

## Scouting Whitetails via the Web

Summertime finds the typical deer hunter dreaming about fall and wishing there was something he could do to make a tangible difference in his deer season success. Maybe all you need is the right technological tools to make this happen. And, all the better if they don't cost a dime!

imaginable. There is seemingly no area of the initial stages of planning a hunt that cannot be improved using your computer and the web.

These tools are not replacements for what happens in the field. If all we hunters cared about was imagining hunting and living the sport through technology, we'd play hunting games constantly. Using these tools will get you on the ground scouting in the

right place sooner.

Google Earth [GE] may be at the forefront of free and powerful technology. Many states have developed "kml" files with hunting areas. Likewise, there are overlays for GE showing Forest Service Land and other huntable areas. For more in-depth coverage, visit [Scouting with GE](#). This page focuses on Missouri but is applicable to other areas.

## Fishing Bryant Creek in Missouri – david mann



*“This beautiful tributary of the North Fork of the White River in southwestern Missouri has great scenery and some of the state’s best smallmouth fishing.”*

Bryant Creek is an excellent smallmouth bass stream without much of a reputation. This beautiful tributary of the North Fork of the White River in southwestern Missouri has great scenery and some of the state’s best smallmouth fishing from its modest headwaters downstream to it’s mouth.

Above the Highway 95

Bridge, Bryant Creek is primarily a wade fishing stream. The small water of the upper creek lends itself very well to wade fisherman, with this secluded reach holding some bass of surprising size. An adventurous floater could handle the water above the 95 Bridge, but still it is best suited to wade fishing. The headwaters area is especially beautiful and

worthwhile to fish. Good wade fishing accesses on the Bryant above the Highway 95 Bridge are at Vera Cruz and Bertha Ford on Highway N.

Below the Highway 95 Bridge the Bryant becomes larger. This is where the stream becomes primarily a float fishing water, ...continued at [Bryant Creek Smallmouth Fishing](#)

## Low Stress – Low Cost Family Camping Trips

Camping is the best way we can think of to make possible that family vacation when budgets are stretched so tight during these difficult economic times. It is also a way to bring the family closer together as each member must take on responsibilities and has the opportunity to grow through the experience. Of course camping is not for everyone, but perhaps



some folks who have negative associations with the thought of a camping trip only feel this way because of past experiences.

Camping can mean many things to many people. Some do not think they are camping unless they have backpacked into a wilderness area and are isolated from other

people. Others feel that a popular group campground is just fine, especially if some of the creature comforts such as electricity and showers are available. What is important when thinking about planning the trip, is that just as all family members will have responsibilities on the trip, it is also a good idea for all participants to have some ownership in the outdoor destination.

Continued at [Planning Family-Camping](#)

## Ozark Fly Sales

We decided last fall that a natural thing for us to do would be to offer assortments of the flies that we have found to be particularly useful throughout the Ozarks. We assumed this would be a small operation and

we’d only offer quality hand-tied flies.

This has worked out pretty well and we likely will offer the flies again next year. We would like to hear from you as to what flies

would be good additions to what we offered this year. The flies will be worked on in the winter and a new inventory offered in the Spring of 2012.

[Ozark Fly Sales](#)

## Latest on Missouri Elk

SHANNON COUNTY, Mo. -- All 34 elk and five new calves at the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Peck Ranch Conservation Area are sporting new jewelry, specifically radio collars, which are part of a cooperative research project with the University of Missouri.

According to MDC Resource Scientist and Elk Biologist Jason Sumners, the cooperative research project will provide critical information to help the MDC track the success of

the elk restoration project, determine when management through hunting is appropriate, and guide future habitat and harvest management.

Sumners said the GPS (Global Positioning System)-enabled collars, provided by the university, may also assist MDC in deterring poachers.

Joshua J. Millspaugh, professor of Wildlife Management at the University of Missouri's School of Natural

Resources, said it's critical that MDC has adequate information about what the elk do after their release from the holding pen.

"Close monitoring leads to effective management, and using radio collars is the most effective and efficient way to do this," Millspaugh said.

Read More at [Missouri-Outdoors-Elk](#)



MDC Research Biologist Jason Sumners shows collars used to track adult elk (left) and calves (right) as part of a research project with U of M

## Missouri Managed deer hunt applications

. Deer hunters have until August 15 to apply for 99 managed hunts. The hunts will take place from mid-September through January and have openings for more than 6,000 hunters.

The Missouri Department of Conservation holds a drawing to determine who gets to participate in special managed [deer hunts at conservation areas](#), state parks, national wildlife refuges and urban parks. The application period opens

July 1 each year. The hunts are open to Missouri residents and nonresidents.

This is the second year that applications must be made online. Wildlife Management Chief Mike Schroer said advancing technology permitted the switch to an exclusively Web-based application process.

"With the growth of Internet access through home computers, laptops, smart phones and other technology, most hunters have Internet access – if not at home, then through

family, friends, hunting partners or community locations such as public libraries," said Schroer. "We encourage hunters to take advantage of these connections to apply for managed hunts."

Types of hunts include archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, historic methods and modern firearms – plus youth hunts and hunts for persons with disabilities. vendors statewide.

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*“Every trout fisherman owes it to themselves to fish the Madison River at least once in their lifetimes.”*

## Fishing the Madison River

The Madison River is truly one of the country's finest. Originating at the confluence of the Firehole and Gibbon River in Yellowstone National Park, it earns its reputation as a legendary trout stream. It is no mistake that this river resides in the dreams of trout fisherman across the

continent. The Madison River has it all. It starts in Yellowstone National Park as a large spring creek where anglers can find some of the most challenging dry fly fishing in the world. Between Hebgen Lake and Ennis Lake it is a fast-flowing foothills river with one of the highest trout per mile

counts in the nation and an excellent salmon-fly hatch. In its lower reaches, it is a huge, high plains river with challenging fishing for some of the largest brown trout in the Western United States. Any fisherman can find what they are looking for on the Madison. [Read More](#)

## Life in a Tree Stand Part I

At 4:30 in the morning my inclination is to ignore the alarm and roll over and go back to sleep; and I have on a few occasions. Usually I am with my two sons in a tent somewhere in the state of Missouri and it is cold outside and it is ever so hard to roll out and get the water started

for our normal routine of instant oatmeal, juice, coffee for me, and hot chocolate for them. Once I am up and going it all starts to make sense to me as my excitement level always begins to build for what may be in store for me that day.

I rouse them from their slumber and we begin to proceed in the normal fashion. We eat, make one last check of our gear, and then get in the truck to drive to where we will strike out for our pre-scouted stand locales.

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## Recipe of the Month: Baked Trout With Sour Cream

Baked Trout With Sour Cream

### Ingredients

- Dressed Trout
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 tsp. prepared mustard
  - 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
  - 1 1/2 cups sour

cream

- 1 cup chopped onion
- Salt & pepper

Line a pan with aluminum foil. Salt and pepper Trout. Mix ingredients to make sauce and fill fish. Pour remaining sauce over fish. Bake about 1 hour in a 350 degree oven. Baste with sauce occasionally

while fish bakes. Good for a large Trout.

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## Trout Fishing on the Current River

The Current River isn't like any other trout stream in the state. The extremely high quality of fishing, combined with excellent access, and beautiful scenery sets this stream apart. And the river itself is simply stunning. It looks like a small western river, complete with rocky pocket water, and deep, aqua-marine colored pools. It has the best hatches in the state, and there are times of the year when dry fly fishing is good from sun-up to sundown. Add on to that the fact that the Current River stays cool enough for good fishing year-round, and you have

something truly special.

The Current River rises in springs in Montauk State Park. This stretch of river is a state managed trout park, and is covered in great detail on our Montauk State Park Trout Fishing page. Two miles below the headwaters, the Current River flows out of Montauk State Park and into the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. For the next eight miles downstream to Cedar Grove low-water bridge, it is managed as a Blue Ribbon trout area. Brown trout are stocked in

this stretch every spring, and large numbers of rainbows migrate downstream from Montauk State Park. There is also a healthy population of wild rainbows in the Blue Ribbon area. Below Cedar Grove Bridge downstream nine miles to the Akers Ferry Access, the river is managed as a White Ribbon trout area. In the White Ribbon portion, rainbow trout are stocked about once a month. Trout populations are not as high in the White Ribbon portion, but the fishing opportunities are still excellent, [read more](#)



Current River

## Summer Bass Fishing

Catching bass in the hot summer months is not only possible, it may be the best time to catch bass. There are a couple of things the angler should keep in mind. In this article we will try and dispel some myths and hopefully arm the summertime bass angler with the knowledge and confidence to go catch fish.

*Bass Fishing Slows Down in the Summer Months*

Bass do not stop feeding

in the summer. On the contrary, bass feed MORE often and digest food faster in warmer temperatures. In fact, evidence seems to suggest that bass fishing slows down in the summer for two reasons. First, fishermen fish fewer hours in the hot summer sun. Less time with your bait in the water means less fish. Second, and the evidence for this is merely anecdotal, fishermen have heard the myths about bass fishing in heat and have less confidence and this negatively impacts

their fishing. I can speak from experience that a bait that I had not previously had success with gets fished less well than one I have had success with. As soon as I have success, doing nothing differently except perhaps working it into those little nooks and crannies where I know bass are holding, all of a sudden that bait becomes a winner. Similarly, if you don't believe you will have success on a cast, I don't believe you try as hard to work it into those prime locations. [Read More](#)

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*“Get out there and fish and believe in the idea that you will catch fish. You will be successful if you work at it like you do other times of the year.”*

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